

Date: 12 February 2026

CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction of a New Guyed Mast Telecommunication Tower Site (Ohauwanye (Site 9.2)) in the Ohauwanye Village, Ohangwena Region - Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC)

Date: Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Time: 1:34 pm to 2:40 pm

Venue: Ohauwanye Village Meeting Point

Project Proponent: Mobile Telecommunications Limited (*MTC Namibia*)

Meeting Attendance

The public consultation meeting had an attendance of twenty-six (26) people, including two Environmental impact practitioners from Serja Consultants. The signed attendance register is attached hereto.



Figure 1: Proceedings of the Ohauwanye EIA consultation meeting on the 11th of February 2026

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING

The meeting opening and welcoming were done by Joseph Nghitutuka (Village Headman). Mr. Stefanus Johannes (Environmental Assessment Practitioner / Consultant) from Serja HGE Consultants thanked the meeting attendees for making time. Mr. Johannes then presented the meeting agenda, which is based on the requirements of the 2012 EIA Regulations: Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 on Public Consultation, Sections 21 to 24. The attendance register was circulated for attendees to sign the meeting attendance as proof of consultation to be appended to the EIA Scoping Report.

To ensure that the elderly understood the meeting points for inputs, and since the field Environmental consulting team is Oshiwambo-speaking, the proceedings were done in Oshiwambo.

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) / Mr. Johannes presented the agenda of the meeting, which included the following main points:

2.1 Explanation of what an EIA is, its Process, and the Public Role in the Process

Mr. Johannes explained that the EIA process is done in compliance with the EMA, as the establishment of telecommunication towers are one of the listed activities that cannot be undertaken without applying and obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner, which is subject to an EIA process and EIA Scoping Report as well as an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EIA process requires that the consultation meeting be held with the affected and or interested parties where the project activities would be undertaken. Therefore, the ECC needs to be obtained first from the Environmental Commissioner at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT) before the tower erection.

2.2 Brief Description of the Project

A brief description of the planned project activities was presented as per the provided BID copy, and Mr. Johannes emphasized the importance of understanding the conducted EIA Study.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, Mr. Johannes also presented the potential pre-identified positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed project activities. This will establish the basis for mitigation measures to be developed for the proposed project.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

The meeting attendees were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise concerns about the proposed project activities to be incorporated into the meeting minutes and used as the basis for the compilation of the EIA Scoping Report and Draft EMP. The key comments and issues made in the meeting were recorded and noted for consideration and inclusion in the EIA Report. These issues and comments are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Issues, suggestions, and comments received during the Consultation Meeting in Ohauwanye on the 11th of February 2026

No.	Name of the Speaker/Commenter & Capacity	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
1	Mr. Haufiku Lamek	When the contractor arrives, they should not bring external workers except for those performing skilled tasks that local community members are unable to undertake.	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): Noted will emphasize that with MTC.
2	Ms. Loini Shendelwako	Should the community clear a path to the site for construction vehicles, or wait for the contractor?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): The community is advised to wait until the contractor is appointed. The appointed contractor will then approach the community to engage local labourers for the work, who will be compensated accordingly. It is reiterated that the illegal

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			cutting down of trees (especially protected ones under the Forestry Act) is prohibited.
3	Mr. Lilongeni Michaels	The community is pleased about the arrival of electricity through this project and anticipates it will benefit several shops and houses in the area. A plea was made for the contractor to consider residents for employment, noting the availability of individuals with skills in welding, bricklaying, and security services.	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): Let me just clarify that the electricity being mentioned here is to source power to the tower and not for the community The obligation for the contractor to prioritise local community members for employment was reaffirmed. The plea was noted.
4	Mr. Joseph (No last name)	This is the first development project of this nature in the village. Previous government presence was limited to election periods, during which two polling points were established close to each other, despite one lacking water access. The nearest water source is approximately four kilometres away, underscoring a broader need for water infrastructure. This context was provided to explain that the community has no prior experience with recruitment processes for such projects, as this is the first opportunity of its kind in the area.	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): noted with appreciation. I am sure you will figure out a fair and suitable recruitment process.

3. FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

3.1 What is the way forward after this meeting?

Mr. Johannes thanked the community for attending the meeting. He informed them that their comments and recommendations will be included in the EIA Scoping Report and EMP that will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) of the MEFT for evaluation and consideration of the ECC. The EIA documents (including meeting minutes) will be shared with registered I&APs for review and further comments. In other words, once the review of the draft documents by I&APs is completed, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the DEAF/MEFT for evaluation and consideration for an ECC.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.



STAKEHOLDERS / I&APS CONSULTATION (ENGAGEMENT) MEETING REGISTER

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY: THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GUYED MAST TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER SITE (OHAWWAYE (SITE 9.2)) IN THE OHAWWAYE VILLAGE, OHANGWENA REGION - APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC)

PROJECT PROPONENT: MTC (Network Tower)
 DATE & TIME: 11 February 2024 13:34
 VENUE: Ohauwaye village meeting tree

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